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Please have the current listing of claims replace all previous  
listing of claims as follows:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A device for telling stories  
comprising:

- a) a book;
- b) a container coupled to said book;—and
- c) a puppet coupled to said book wherein said puppet can be stored in said container and wherein said puppet is in the form of at least one finger puppet— ; and
- d) a line wherein said puppet is coupled to said book via said line.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1,  
wherein said line is in the form of a string further comprising a  
string wherein said puppet is coupled to said book via said  
string.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1,

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~~wherein said line is in the form of a cable further comprising a~~  
cable wherein said puppet is coupled to said book via said cable.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1,  
~~further comprising a cord wherein said line is in the form of a~~  
cord, wherein said puppet is coupled to said book via said cord.

5. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein  
said line is in the form of a flexible elastic element, wherein  
said puppet is coupled to said book via ~~a~~ said flexible elastic  
element.

6. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein  
said book has a front cover, a back cover and a spine coupling  
said front cover and said back cover together, and wherein said  
container is disposed in said spine of said book.

7. (Original) The device as in claim 1, wherein said  
container is substantially cylindrically shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein  
said front cover has an outside face and an inside face, said

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container is in the form of a pouch coupled to said inside face of said front cover, wherein said puppet can be stored inside of said pouch.

9. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, wherein said front cover has an outside face and an inside face, and the device further comprises a fastener coupled to the inside face of said cover.

10. (Original) The device as in claim 9, wherein said fastener is in the form of a hook and loop fastener.

11. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim ~~2~~ 1 further comprising a spindle disposed within said container, wherein said string line is coupled to said spindle.

12. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 11, wherein said spindle is rotatable within said container and wherein the device further comprises a spring coupled to said spindle for spring loading said spindle in said container.

13. (Original) The device as in claim 1, wherein said puppet

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is in the form of a glove containing at least two finger puppets.

14. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 13, wherein said at least two separate finger puppets comprise characters from a story, wherein said story relates to a story in said book.

15. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 1, further comprising at least one additional puppet and said at least one additional ~~string~~ line which is used to couple at least one additional puppet ~~and~~ to said book.

16. (Original) The device as in claim 16, further comprising an extension in the form of a stage coupled to said book.

17. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 16, wherein said stage comprises a bottom section, at least one side section and a top section.

18. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 17, wherein said stage further comprises a plurality of curtains with at least one curtain which is coupled to at least one of said at least one side section of said stage.

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19. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 16, wherein said book further comprises a front cover and a back cover wherein said stage is coupled to said front cover, and said back cover of said book.

20. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 16, wherein said book further comprises a front cover and a back cover and wherein said stage is coupled to said back cover of said book.

21. (Currently Amended) The device as in claim 17, wherein said bottom section and said top section of said stage have a fold, so that said stage can be folded over.